

What is claimed is:

5 1. A method of structuring a credit having a repayment obligation, comprising:  
setting an expected maturity date and a final maturity date for the credit;  
requiring that the repayment obligation be met by the expected maturity date unless at  
least one predefined event occurs; and

requiring that the repayment obligation be met by the final maturity date to the extent that  
the repayment obligation is not met by the expected maturity date.

10 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the credit has an underlying revenue stream associated  
therewith and the predefined event is the failure of the revenue stream to cover the requirements  
of the repayment obligation.

15 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the failure of the revenue stream to cover the  
requirements of the repayment obligation results from a force majeure event.

20 4. The method of claim 2, wherein the revenue stream flows from a project selected from  
the group including: i) an airport project; and ii) a sewer project.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the credit is issued as part of a pool of credits.

25 6. The method of claim 5, wherein the pool of credits is associated with a state revolving  
fund program.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein additional interest on a principal portion of the  
repayment obligation which is not met by the expected maturity date continues to accrue until the  
principal portion of the repayment obligation is met.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the additional interest is paid using a mechanism selected from the group including: i) accretion of principal to the principal portion of the repayment obligation in the amount of the unpaid additional interest; ii) direct payment of the additional interest; and iii) an increase in the interest rate on any unpaid part of the principal portion of the repayment obligation calculated to result in a payment increase substantially equal the additional interest.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the increase in the interest rate on any unpaid part of the principal portion of the repayment obligation increases in each year following the expected maturity date.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein additional interest on an interest portion of the repayment obligation which is not met by the expected maturity date continues to accrue until the interest portion of the repayment obligation is met.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein the additional interest is paid using a mechanism selected from the group including: i) accretion of principal to a principal portion of the repayment obligation in the amount of the unpaid additional interest; ii) direct payment of the additional interest; and iii) an increase in the interest rate on any unpaid part of the principal portion of the repayment obligation calculated to result in a payment increase substantially equal the additional interest.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the increase in the interest rate on any unpaid part of the principal portion of the repayment obligation increases in each year following the expected maturity date.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein the credit is a bond.

14. The method of claim 2, wherein the revenue stream is a net revenue stream.

15. A method of structuring a bond issued by a bond issuer, wherein the bond has  
5 associated therewith a repayment obligation, comprising:

setting an expected payment date and a legal maturity date for the bond;

requiring that the bond issuer establish revenue rates sufficient to pay the repayment  
obligation by the expected payment date; and

deferring the payment of the repayment obligation as late as the legal maturity date to the  
10 extent that the repayment obligation is not met by the expected payment date.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the bond has an underlying revenue stream  
associated therewith and the deferral of the payment of the repayment obligation occurs upon the  
failure of the revenue stream to cover the requirements of the repayment obligation.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein the failure of the revenue stream to cover the  
requirements of the repayment obligation results from a force majeure event.

18. The method of claim 16, wherein the revenue stream flows from a project selected  
20 from the group including: i) an airport project; and ii) a sewer project.

19. The method of claim 15, wherein the step of requiring that the bond issuer establish  
revenue rates sufficient to pay the repayment obligation by the expected payment date further  
comprises requiring that the bond issuer establish revenue rates sufficient to pay both the  
25 repayment obligation by the expected payment date and legally payable debt service.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein the deferral of the payment of the repayment  
obligation occurs upon the occurrence of an objectively determinable event.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein the objectively determinable event is the existence of a predetermined shortfall between: i) the sum of the repayment obligation and legally payable debt service; and ii) revenues raised by the revenue rates established by the bond issuer.

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22. The method of claim 15, wherein the step of requiring that the bond issuer establish revenue rates sufficient to pay the repayment obligation by the expected payment date is a continuing requirement even if the repayment obligation is deferred.

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23. The method of claim 15, wherein the step of requiring that the bond issuer establish revenue rates sufficient to pay the repayment obligation by the expected payment date further comprises establishing a revenue requirement based on a lower coverage ratio than is used for purposes of either a board policy associated with the bond or a rate covenant associated with the bond.

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24. The method of claim 23, wherein the coverage ratio is greater than 1.

25. The method of claim 15, wherein the bond is issued as part of a pool of bonds.

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26. The method of claim 25, wherein the pool of bonds is associated with a state revolving fund program.

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27. The method of claim 15, wherein additional interest on a principal portion of the repayment obligation which is not met by the expected payment date continues to accrue until the principal portion of the repayment obligation is met.

28. The method of claim 27, wherein the additional interest is paid using a mechanism selected from the group including: i) accretion of principal to the principal portion of the

repayment obligation in the amount of the unpaid additional interest; ii) direct payment of the additional interest; and iii) an increase in the interest rate on any unpaid part of the principal portion of the repayment obligation calculated to result in a payment increase substantially equal the additional interest.

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29. The method of claim 28, wherein the increase in the interest rate on any unpaid part of the principal portion of the repayment obligation increases in each year following the expected payment date.

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30. The method of claim 15, wherein additional interest on an interest portion of the repayment obligation which is not met by the expected payment date continues to accrue until the interest portion of the repayment obligation is met.

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31. The method of claim 30, wherein the additional interest is paid using a mechanism selected from the group including: i) accretion of principal to a principal portion of the repayment obligation in the amount of the unpaid additional interest; ii) direct payment of the additional interest; and iii) an increase in the interest rate on any unpaid part of the principal portion of the repayment obligation calculated to result in a payment increase substantially equal the additional interest.

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32. The method of claim 31, wherein the increase in the interest rate on any unpaid part of the principal portion of the repayment obligation increases in each year following the expected maturity date.

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33. The method of claim 16, wherein the revenue stream is a net revenue stream.